Teaching of Crimes by Mafia Gangs

†1831. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various anti-social gangs in the country are not only running their offices but are also running school-colleges in which methods of pick pocketing, dacoity, riots, kidnapping and murder are being taught;

(b) if so, the details of such organisations;

(c) the steps taken by Government to impose ban and take action against all these organisations; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Police' and 'Public order" are state subjects and therefore, such information is not maintained in the Central Government.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Sale of lotteries

1832. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several State Governments and some TV channels are engaged in the sale of lottery which attracts the Gambling Act;

(b) if so, the names of the State Governments/UTs and TV channels who are promoting lottery; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to ban the lottery in India through an Act of Parliament and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that some State Governments are engaged in the sale of lottery, but it cannot be said to be in contravention of the provisions of the Public Gambling Act, 1867.The State Governments that are engaged in the sale of lottery include those of Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram,

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